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Letter dated 24 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, the text of the Dakar Declaration against Terrorism (see annex), adopted at the African conference on terrorism, held in Dakar on 17 October 2001, on the initiative of Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal.

I should be extremely grateful if you would have this Declaration distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 166 and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Papa Louis **Fall**
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DAKAR DECLARATION AGAINST TERRORISM

We, Heads of State and Government and Representatives of the following countries:

1. Algeria
2. Benin
3. Burkina Faso
4. Burundi
5. Cameroon
6. Cape Verde
7. Chad
8. Comoros
9. Côte d'Ivoire
10. Djibouti
11. Egypt
12. Equatorial Guinea
13. Gabon
14. Gambia
15. Ghana
16. Guinea Bissau
17. Libya
18. Mali
19. Mauritania
20. Morocco
21. Nigeria
22. Senegal
23. Sierra Leone
24. Sudan
25. Togo
26. Tunisia
27. Uganda

Meeting in Dakar on October 17, 2001,

Seriously Concerned about the development of terrorism, which still constitutes an unacceptable infringement of the most essential human rights and democracy; and a threat to world peace and security;

Dismayed by the extent and gravity of terrorist activities worldwide, including those that took place in the United States of America on September 11, 2001;

Desirous of expressing our solidarity and condolence to the United States for the tragedy of September 11, 2001;

Convinced of the necessity to make Africa a continent where every act of terrorism and abetment of terrorism must be banned without any restriction based on political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other considerations;

Considering the Conventions of the United Nations Organisation and of the Organisation of African Unity/African Union on the fight against terrorism, as well as the relevant United Nations resolutions, particularly, the Security Council Resolutions 1368 of September 12, 2001 and 1373 of September 28, 2001;

Anxious to strengthen inter-state cooperation and coordination in the fight against all forms of terrorism, whether it be perpetrated by individuals, groups, or States;

Strongly condemn any act of terrorism, be it perpetrated in the African continent or in any other part of the world;

Appeal to all African countries to ratify as a matter of urgency the OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism and similar UN instruments, and to take legal, diplomatic, financial, and other measures to fight terrorism at national, sub-regional, regional, and global levels;

Recommend that OAU convene an extraordinary summit to discuss the progress so far made in Africa in the fight against terrorism and to ensure that the post September 11, 2001 events and their

consequences have the least possible adverse impact on the development of Africa, in particular on the implementation of the New African Initiative.

Consider all the proposals of the Dakar Meeting as important achievements intended to prepare and enrich the discussions to be held, at the earliest convenience, on the Prevention of and Fight Against Terrorism;

Take note, in this respect, of the Pact formulated and proposed by Senegal as well as the discussions and proposals of the Meeting which will be made available to the OAU for the formulation and adoption of an additional Protocol to the Convention in consultation with the States parties thereto, in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the said Convention;

Congratulate, finally, His Excellency Maître Abdoulaye WADE, President of the Republic of Senegal on his timely initiative which has enabled African States represented at a very high-level to hold broad consultations and take a common stand against terrorism and for peace and security in Africa.

Done in Dakar, on October 17, 2001